(d) the monuments which are proposed to be declared as protected monuments in Karnataka during 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) In Karnataka, there are 507 monuments/sites of which 209 are under the jurisdiction of the Bangalore Circle and 298 are under the Dharwad Circle of Archaeological Survey of India. The list is available in the Parliament Library.

(b) An amount of Rs. 5.49 crores have been released during 2001-02 for taking up preservation and other developmental works on centrally protected monument in Karnataka.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The following monuments have been proposed to be declared as monuments of national importance:

1. Sri Nageshvara Temple Complex., Hasan;

2. Archaeological Site, Benagauti, Gulbarga;

3. Lakshmi Narasimha temple, Srirangapatna, Mandya;

4. Narasimha temple, Kudli, Shimoga;

5. Varahanatha temple, Kalhalli, Mandya;

6. Anthropomorhic figures, Kumati, Bellary.

Centrally sponsored schemes for tourism in Gujarat

2208. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes relating to tourism which are under consideration for Gujarat; and

(b) by when, these schemes will be executed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Development and promotion of places of tourist interest/centres is primarily undertaken by the State/UT Governments themselves. However, the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India provides funds for projects identified in consultation with the States/Union Territories every year. In the Tenth Plan it is planned to take up integrated development of tourism circuits and destinations in the country.

(b) Implementation and execution of the projects sanctioned by the Department of Tourism is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

Development of tourist infrastructure in A.P.

2209. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lack of proper tourist infrastructure like affordable accommodation, transport etc. are the main reasons for the sluggish growth of tourism in Andhra Pradesh and the rest of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far for the development of tourist infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh and the rest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned 209 tourism projects amounting to Rs. 56 crores during the year 2001-02 for all States for development of infrastructure out of which 6 projects amounting to Rs.1.67 crores were sanctioned for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Development of tourism in Chhattisgarh

†2210. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ASI has upgraded/reconstructed some of the monument places during the last three years with a view to develop tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the year-wise and State-wise/place-wise names of such upgraded spots and the amount earmarked monument-wise for the upgradation work particularly in Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the monument spots identified for upgradation/reconstruction during 2002-2003 and monument-wise and State-wise allocation made for the said purpose?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.